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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 38 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during January totaled 18.5 million pounds (8410 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 38 percent from January 1985.

The January average price paid to growers was 70 cents per pound, 3 cents above the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during January totaled 8.76 million pounds (3970 metric tons), an increase of 21 percent from the comparable month in 1985. Sales of whole fish represented 47 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 36 percent. The remainder was mostly steaks and nuggets. Ice pack sales were 49 percent of the total amount sold.

The January average prices received by processors for whole fish were $1.55 per pound for ice pack and $1.65 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during December totaled 501 thousand pounds (230 metric tons), 98 percent from Brazil. Imports were 19 percent above the amount imported a year earlier. Import data were compiled by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

NOTE: This is the initial report showing the breakdown of sales and inventory data for whole fish, fillets and other.

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FARM-RAISED CATFISH, PROCESSING, INVENTORY, QUANTITY SOLD, AND PRICE, 1985-86, FROM MAJOR PROCESSORS

MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED 1/		WEIGHTED AVERAGE GROWER PRICE DOLLAR PER POUND 2/		WEIGHTED AVERAGE DOLLAR/ POUND SALES--FOB PLANT		IMPORTS OF CATFISH 4/	
					FRESH 3/	FROZEN 3/		
	1985	1986	1985	1986	1986	1986	1984	1985
	THOUSAND POUNDS							
JAN	13,453	18,549	.67	.70	1.55	1.65	401	589
FEB	17,191		.69				479	425
MAR	18,332		.73				661	976
APR	16,542		.78				861	602
MAY	17,536		.77				436	214
JUN	16,035		.77				656	928
JUL	14,295		.76				384	871
AUG	16,726		.72				515	423
SEP	16,673		.71				54	832
OCT	16,893		.70				599	96
NOV	14,827		.70				696	603
DEC	13,427		.70				422	501

SALES AND ENDING INVENTORY OF CATFISH FOR JANUARY 1986

ITEM	WHOLE FISH 3/	FILLETS 5/	OTHER 6/	TOTAL
	THOUSAND POUNDS			
FRESH	2,827	1,070	353	4,250
AVERAGE DOLLAR PER POUND	1.55	2.73	1.68	1.86
INVENTORY END OF MONTH	209	143	29	381
FROZEN	1,322	2,123	1,067	4,512
AVERAGE DOLLAR PER POUND	1.65	2.60	1.86	2.15
INVENTORY END OF MONTH	1,684	2,074	963	4,721

1/ TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT OF FISH DELIVERED FOR PROCESSING.
2/ PRICES PAID TO FARMERS, HARVESTED AT PLANT SITE.
3/ DRESSED WEIGHT, WHOLE FISH, (HEAD, VISERA AND SKIN REMOVED).
4/ U.S. BUREAU OF CENSUS.
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Farm-raised catfish processed during February totaled 20.0 million pounds (9060 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 16 percent from February 1985.

The February average price paid to growers was 70 cents per pound, 1 cent above the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during February totaled 9.98 million pounds (4530 metric tons), an increase of 11 percent from the comparable month in 1985. Sales of whole fish represented 49 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 36 percent. The remainder 15 percent were mostly steaks and nuggets. Ice pack sales were 52 percent of the total amount sold.

The February average prices received by processors for whole fish were $1.54 per pound for ice pack and $1.64 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during January totaled 383 thousand pounds (170 metric tons), virtually all of which were from Brazil. Imports were 35 percent below the amount imported a year earlier. Import data were compiled by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

* * * NOTE: This issue contains revised data for 1985 * * *

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QUANTITY PROCESSED AND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, REPORTED BY MAJOR PROCESSORS; AND U.S. IMPORTS

MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED				AVERAGE PRICE PAID TO PRODUCERS 2/		IMPORTS OF CATFISH 3/	
	MONTHLY		CUMULATIVE					
	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986
	THOUSAND POUNDS				DOLLARS PER POUND		THOUSAND POUNDS	
JAN	13,429	19,183	13,429	19,183	.67	.70	589	383
FEB	17,166	19,968	30,595	39,151	.69	.70	425	
MAR	18,290		48,885		.73		976	
APR	16,474		65,359		.78		602	
MAY	17,432		82,791		.77		214	
JUN	15,897		98,688		.77		928	
JUL	14,311		112,999		.76		871	
AUG	17,130		130,129		.72		423	
SEP	16,638		146,767		.71		832	
OCT	16,861		163,628		.70		96	
NOV	14,625		178,253		.70		603	
DEC	13,363		191,616		.70		501	

CATFISH PROCESSORS' SALES VOLUME, AVERAGE PRICE AND ENDING INVENTORY, CATFISH FOR FEBRUARY 1986

ITEM	WHOLE FISH 4/	FILLETS 5/	OTHER 6/	TOTAL
FRESH				
QUANTITY (000) LB	3,434	1,251	552	5,237
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.54	2.67	1.71	1.83
INVENTORY(000) LB	142	94	43	279
FROZEN				
QUANTITY(000) LB	1,456	2,351	937	4,744
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.64	2.63	1.85	2.18
INVENTORY(000) LB	1,907	2,537	638	5,082

1/ DATA FOR 1985 AND ROUNDWEIGHT FOR JAN 1986 REVISED.
2/ PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR FISH DELIVERED TO PROCESSING PLANT.
3/ DATA FURNISHED BY U.S. BUREAU OF CENSUS.
4/ DRESSED WEIGHT, (head, visera and skin removed).
5/ INCLUDES REGULAR, SHANK AND STRIP FILLETS; EXCLUDES ANY BREADED PRODUCT.
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1985 REVISED -- FARM RAISED CATFISH
QUANTITY SOLD, AVERAGE PRICE AND ENDING INVENTORY
REPORTED BY MAJOR PROCESSORS

MONTH	QUANTITY SOLD 1985 PROCESSED FISH 1/			AVERAGE PRICE F.O.B. PLANT FOR: WHOLE DRESSED FISH		ENDING INVENTORY
	FRESH	FROZEN	TOTAL	FRESH	FROZEN	
	THOUSAND POUNDS			DOLLARS PER POUND		(000) LBS
JAN	3,402	3,828	7,230	1.54	1.59	4,281
FEB	4,336	4,626	8,962	1.55	1.58	4,041
MAR	4,061	5,217	9,278	1.63	1.65	4,145
APR	3,601	5,232	8,833	1.67	1.70	3,775
MAY	3,503	5,226	8,729	1.71	1.73	3,842
JUN	3,519	4,788	8,307	1.71	1.71	3,866
JUL	3,412	4,471	7,883	1.69	1.70	3,609
AUG	4,201	5,581	9,782	1.65	1.70	3,432
SEP	3,482	4,850	8,332	1.63	1.75	3,866
OCT	3,882	4,430	8,312	1.61	1.71	4,354
NOV	3,319	3,912	7,231	1.54	1.67	4,753
DEC	2,983	3,418	6,401	1.55	1.65	4,981
ANNUAL	43,701	55,579	99,280	1.62	1.68	N/A

1/ DRESSED WEIGHT.

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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 1 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during March totaled 18.4 million pounds (8340 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 1 percent from March 1985.

The March average price paid to growers was 72 cents per pound, 1 cent below the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during March totaled 10.4 million pounds (4720 metric tons), an increase of 12 percent from the comparable month in 1985. Sales of whole fish represented 49 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 36 percent. The remaining 15 percent were mostly steaks and nuggets. Ice pack sales were 49 percent of the total amount sold.

The March average prices received by processors for whole fish were $1.57 per pound for ice pack and $1.64 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during February totaled 947 thousand pounds (430 metric tons), virtually all of which were from Brazil. Imports were substantially above the amount imported a year earlier. Import data were compiled by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

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MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED: MONTHLY 1985	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED: MONTHLY 1986	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED: CUMULATIVE 1985	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED: CUMULATIVE 1986	AVERAGE PRICE PAID TO PRODUCERS 1/ 1985	AVERAGE PRICE PAID TO PRODUCERS 1/ 1986	IMPORTS OF CATFISH 2/ 1985	IMPORTS OF CATFISH 2/ 1986
	THOUSAND POUNDS				DOLLARS PER POUND		THOUSAND POUNDS	
JAN	13,429	18,549	13,429	18,549	.67	.70	589	383
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CATFISH PROCESSORS' SALES VOLUME, AVERAGE PRICE AND ENDING INVENTORY, CATFISH FOR MARCH 1986

ITEM	WHOLE FISH 3/	FILLETS 4/	OTHER 5/	TOTAL
FRESH				
QUANTITY (000) LB	3,435	1,308	375	5,118
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.57	2.71	1.53	1.86
INVENTORY(000) LB	224	98	24	346
FROZEN				
QUANTITY(000) LB	1,625	2,418	1,238	5,281
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.64	2.61	1.84	2.13
INVENTORY(000) LB	1,626	2,120	579	4,325

1/ PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR FISH DELIVERED TO PROCESSING PLANT.
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CATFISH PROCESSING DOWN 1 PERCENT

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Farm-raised catfish processed during April totaled 16.2 million pounds (7370 metric tons) round weight, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board, down 1 percent from April 1985.

The April average price paid to growers was 74 cents per pound, 4 cents below the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during April totaled 8.88 million pounds (4030 metric tons), up fractionally from the comparable month in 1985. Sales of whole fish represented 45 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 38 percent. The remaining 17 percent were mostly steaks and nuggets. Ice pack sales were 50 percent of the total amount sold.

The April average prices received by processors for whole fish were $1.61 per pound for ice pack and $1.66 for frozen fish.

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ITEM	WHOLE FISH 3/	FILLETS 4/	OTHER 5/	TOTAL
FRESH				
QUANTITY (000) LB	2,870	1,208	328	4,406
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.61	2.74	1.64	1.90
INVENTORY(000) LB	211	105	39	355
FROZEN				
QUANTITY(000) LB	1,139	2,167	1,164	4,470
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.66	2.70	1.87	2.21
INVENTORY(000) LB	1,718	2,052	711	4,481

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CATFISH PROCESSING DOWN 7 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during May totaled 16.2 million pounds (7330 metric tons) round weight, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board, down 7 percent from May 1985.

The May average price paid to growers was 72 cents per pound, 5 cents below the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during May totaled 9.48 million pounds (4300 metric tons), up 9 percent from the comparable month in 1985. Sales of whole fish represented 46 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 38 percent. The remaining 16 percent were mostly steaks and nuggets. Ice pack sales were 49 percent of the total amount sold.

The May average prices received by processors for whole fish were $1.60 per pound for ice pack and $1.66 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during April totaled 954 thousand pounds (430 metric tons), 97 percent of which were from Brazil. Imports were 58 percent above the amount imported a year earlier. Import data were compiled by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

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	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986
	THOUSAND POUNDS				DOLLARS PER POUND		THOUSAND POUNDS	
JAN	13,429	*19,183	13,429	19,183	.67	.70	589	383
FEB	17,166	19,968	30,595	39,151	.69	.70	425	947
MAR	18,290	18,392	48,885	57,543	.73	.72	976	610
APR	16,474	16,248	65,359	73,791	.78	.74	602	954
MAY	17,432	16,163	82,791	89,954	.77	.72	214	
JUN	15,897		98,688		.77		928	
JUL	14,311		112,999		.76		871	
AUG	17,130		130,129		.72		423	
SEP	16,638		146,767		.71		832	
OCT	16,861		163,628		.70		96	
NOV	14,625		178,253		.70		603	
DEC	13,363		191,616		.70		501	

* CORRECTED.

CATFISH PROCESSORS' SALES VOLUME, AVERAGE PRICE AND ENDING INVENTORY, CATFISH FOR MAY 1986

ITEM	WHOLE FISH 3/	FILLETS 4/	OTHER 5/	TOTAL
FRESH				
QUANTITY (000) LB	2,997	1,257	354	4,608
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.60	2.70	1.63	1.90
INVENTORY(000) LB	217	120	23	360
FROZEN				
QUANTITY(000) LB	1,362	2,380	1,130	4,872
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.66	2.64	1.80	2.17
INVENTORY(000) LB	1,293	1,910	673	3,876

1/ PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR FISH DELIVERED TO PROCESSING PLANT.
2/ DATA FURNISHED BY U.S. BUREAU OF CENSUS.
3/ DRESSED WEIGHT, (HEAD, VISERA AND SKIN REMOVED).
4/ INCLUDES REGULAR, SHANK AND STRIP FILLETS; EXCLUDES ANY BREADED PRODUCT.
5/ INCLUDES ALL PRODUCTS NOT ALREADY REPORTED, INCLUDING WEIGHT OF BREADING AND ADDED INGREDIENTS.

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